

Committee on the Budget; and GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions for Fiscal Year 2006.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY DISASTER RESPONSE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Held a hearing on Disasters and the Department of Homeland Security: Where Do We Go From Here? Testimony was heard from Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### **ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA— VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Concluded hearings on annual legislative agenda, views and priorities for veterans organizations. Testimony was heard from representatives of veterans organizations.

#### **OVERSIGHT—VA COMPENSATION/PENSION BUDGET**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held an oversight hearing on the VA's Fiscal Year 2007 budget request for the compensation and pension business lines. Testimony was heard from Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and a representative of a veterans organization.

#### **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER HIGH-RISK ISSUES**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security and the Subcommittee on Oversight held a joint hearing on Social Security Number High-Risk Issues. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the SSA: James B. Lockhart, III, Deputy Commissioner, Social Security; and Patrick P. O'Carroll, Inspector General; Stewart A. Baker, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Homeland Security; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO.

#### **ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THREATS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Director of National Intelligence: Annual Assessment of Threats. Testimony was heard from Ambassador John D. Negroponte, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

#### **FUTURE IMAGERY ARCHITECTURE**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on Future Imagery Architecture. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **ECONOMIC REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the economic report of the President, after receiving testimony from Katherine Baicker and Matthew J. Slaughter, both Members, Council of Economic Advisers.

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#### **NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 97)

H.R. 4636, to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005. Signed on February 15, 2006. (Public Law 109-173)

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2006**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.